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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 June 2009.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3,4,7-9,11,12 and 15-23 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3,4,7-9,11,12 and 15-23 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-23 are pending for examination as interpreted by the examiner..

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1, 3, 7, 9, 11, 15, and 17-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable Van Rosmalen et al., US Patent 6,130,418 in view of Nagasato et al., US Patent 6,181,670.

Regarding claim 1, Van Rosmalen et al. teaches in figure 3 an optical pickup actuator, comprising: a blade (portion held by elements 61a, 61b, and 61c) with an objective lens (15); a plurality of suspensions (61a, 61b, and 61c) coupled at one end to the blade and fixed at another end to a holder (element holding the blade), provided at one side of a base (structure below blade), such that the suspensions movably support the blade (inherent part of springs); a focusing coil member (39) and a tracking coil members (41), separated from each other; a single magnet member (45) is installed on the blade between the focusing coil member (39) and the tracking coil members (41) the focusing coil member, the tracking coil member and the single magnet member are installed on one side of the objective lens (17). Van Rosmalen et al. does not teach a magnet being on the holder and the coil on the base. Rather Van Rosmalen et al. shows the magnet on the base and the coil on the holder. Nagasato et al. teaches the

switchability of magnets and coils (e.g. Nagasato et al. figure 1 shows magnets on holder, coils on base; figure 23 shows magnets on base, coils on holder). Therefore Nagasato et al. provides evidence of the obviousness of either case. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to include the concept of the parts arranged as taught by Nagasato et al. into the system of Van Rosmalen et al. The motivation would be for an obvious rearrangement of parts to serve the same purpose (figures 1 and 23 of Nagasato et al. provide evidence of the obviousness of either case).

Regarding claim 3, Nagasato et al. teaches in figure 1 the optical pickup actuator of claim 1, respectively, further comprising a pair of tilt driving coil members (column 8, lines 59-64).

Regarding claim 7, Nagasato et al. teaches in figure 1 the optical pickup actuator of claim 1, wherein the magnet member (116 and 118) is a surface polarization magnet (polarization shown on magnet).

Regarding claim 9, Van Rosmalen et al. teaches an optical recording and/or reproducing apparatus, comprising: an optical pickup having an actuator (shown in figure 3) for driving an objective lens (15), and movably installed in a radial direction of a recording medium (done by 61a, 61b, and 61c), and records and/or reproduces information to/from the recording medium (such as scanning, which reads from the medium); and a controller controlling a focusing servo and a tracking servo of the optical pickup (column 5, lines 35-45), wherein the optical pickup actuator (shown in figure 1) includes: a blade (held by 61a, 61b, and 61c) with an objective lens (15); a plurality of

suspensions (61a, 61b, and 61c) coupled at one end to the blade and fixed at another end to a holder (element holding blade), provided at one side of a base (structure below blade), such that the suspensions movably support the blade (inherent part of springs); a focusing coil member (39) and a tracking coil members (41), separated from each other; a single magnet member (45) is between the focusing coil member (39) and the tracking coil members (41) the focusing coil member, the tracking coil member and the single magnet member are installed on one side of the objective lens (15). Van Rosmalen et al. does not teach a magnet being on the holder and the coil on the base. Rather Van Rosmalen et al. shows the magnet on the base and the coil on the holder. Nagasato et al. teaches the switchability of magnets and coils (e.g. Nagasato et al. figure 1 shows magnets on holder, coils on base; figure 23 shows magnets on base, coils on holder). Therefore Nagasato et al. provides evidence of the obviousness of either case. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to include the concept of the parts arranged as taught by Nagasato et al. into the system of Van Rosmalen et al. The motivation would be for an obvious rearrangement of parts to serve the same purpose (figures 1 and 23 of Nagasato et al. provide evidence of the obviousness of either case).

Regarding claim 11, Nagasato et al. teaches the optical recording and/or reproducing apparatus of claim 9, further comprising a pair of tilt driving coil members (column 8, lines 59-64).

Regarding claim 15, Nagasato et al. teaches the optical recording and/or reproducing apparatus of claim 9, wherein the magnet member (116 and 118) is a surface polarization magnet (polarization shown on magnet).

Regarding claim 17, Nagasato et al. teaches an optical pickup actuating method, comprising: moving a blade, including a lens, in tracking and/or focusing directions; and driving a coil system including a focusing coil member and a tracking coil member, separated from the blade (shown in figure 1), such that an interaction with a single magnet (each coil interacts with either magnet 116 or 118, making each interact with only one magnet) on the blade by one of the focusing coil member and the tracking coil member controls the moving of the blade in the tracking and/or focusing directions (column 9, lines 4-17).

Regarding claim 18, Nagasato et al. teaches the optical pickup method of claim 17, wherein the coil system includes the focusing coil member, mounted on a base separate from the movable blade (shown in figure 1), interacting with the magnet of the blade to control the moving of the blade in the focusing direction (column 9, lines 4-17).

Regarding claim 19, Nagasato et al. teaches the optical pickup method of claim 17, wherein the coil system includes the tracking coil member, mounted on a base separate from the movable blade (shown in figure 1), interacting with the magnet of the blade to control the moving of the blade in the tracking direction (column 9, lines 4-17).

Regarding claim 20, Nagasato et al. teaches the optical pickup method of claim 17, wherein the coil system includes the focusing and tracking coil members, mounted on a base separate from the movable blade (shown in figure 1), interacting with the

magnet of the blade to control the moving of the blade in the focusing and tracking directions (column 9, lines 4-17).

Regarding claim 21, Nagasato et al. teaches the optical pickup method of claim 17, wherein the coil system drives the blade in an additional radial tilting direction (column 9, lines 4-17).

Regarding claim 22, Nagasato et al. teaches the optical pickup method of claim 21, wherein the coil system includes the focusing coil members, tracking coil members, and tilt driving coil members, all mounted on a base separate from the movable blade (shown in figure 1), interacting with the magnet of the blade to control the moving of the blade in the focusing and tracking directions (column 9, lines 4-17).

Regarding claim 23, Nagasato et al. teaches a recording and/or reproducing method (explained as conventional), comprising: registering an electrical signal representative of data stored ("information signals"), or to be stored, on a recording medium; and performing the optical pickup actuating method of claim 19 to control the recording and/or reproducing of data to/from the recording medium to generate the electrical signal registered as the stored data, when performing the reproducing process, or to stored data on the recording medium based on the electrical signal, when performing the recording process (column 1, lines 19-44).

3. Claims 4, 8, 12, and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Van Rosmalen et al. in view of Nagasato et al., further in view of Choi, US Patent Publication 2003/0198148.

Van Rosmalen et al. in view of Nagasato et al. teaches the actuator and recording/reproducing device with all of the limitations of claims 3, 5, 11, and 13. Van Rosmalen et al. in view of Nagasato et al. does not teach the explicit need for tilt driving coil members that are installed under the focusing coil member.

Regarding claim 4, Choi teaches in figure 13(c) the optical pickup actuator, wherein the pair of tilt driving coil members (235c and 235d) are installed under the focusing coil member (235a or 235b).

Regarding claim 12, Choi teaches in figure 13(c) the optical recording and/or reproducing apparatus, wherein the pair of tilt driving coil members (235c and 235d) are installed under the focusing coil member (235a or 235b).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to include the concept of tilt driving members installed under focusing coil members as taught by Choi into the system of Van Rosmalen et al. in view of Nagasato et al. The motivation would be to accurately distribute current to improve the focusing movement force (paragraph 0096 of Choi) while reducing the amount of space taken up by the coils.

Van Rosmalen et al. in view of Nagasato et al. teaches the actuator and recording/reproducing device with all of the limitations of claims 1 and 9. Van Rosmalen et al. in view of Nagasato et al. does not teach the explicit need for fine pattern coils.

Regarding claim 8, Choi teaches the optical pickup actuator, wherein the focusing and tracking coil members are Fine Pattern Coils (FPCs) (paragraph 0055).

Regarding claim 16, Choi teaches the optical recording and/or reproducing apparatus, wherein the focusing and tracking coil members are Fine Pattern Coils (FPCs) (paragraph 0055).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to make the first and second coil members of Van Rosmalen et al. in view of Nagasato et al. as Fine Pattern Coils as taught by Choi. This is an art recognized equivalent that is used in the same environment, for the same purpose, to achieve the same results.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to PARUL GUPTA whose telephone number is (571)272-5260. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday, from 10 AM to 7 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph Feild can be reached on 571-272-4090. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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